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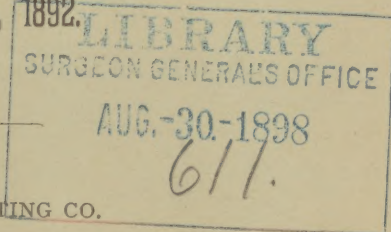
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# Massachusetts Prison Association.

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## *Objects of the Association.*

1. To enlighten public opinion concerning the prevention and treatment of crime.
2. To secure the improvement of penal legislation.
3. To protect society from habitual criminals.
4. To befriend the innocent and ignorant under accusation.
5. To promote the welfare of those placed on probation by the courts, and also of the families of prisoners.
6. To aid released prisoners in living honorably.

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## *Membership.*

The payment of two dollars constitutes any person a member of this Association. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time constitutes a life-member, and the payment of one hundred dollars an honorary life-member.

# Proceedings of the Annual Meeting.

The third annual meeting of the Massachusetts Prison Association was held at Perkins Hall, on Boylston Street, at 3 o'clock P. M. In the absence of President Samuel Eliot, the Rev. Frederick B. Allen occupied the chair.

The following named officers were elected.

*President*, JOSEPH G. THORP, Jr.; *Vice-Presidents*, HENRY LEE, RICHARD H. DANA; *Treasurer*, CHARLES C. JACKSON, 24 Congress St., Boston; *Directors*, JOSEPH G. THORP, Jr., Rev. FREDERICK B. ALLEN, E. D. BARBOUR, Rev. SAMUEL J. BARROWS, Mrs. SUSAN H. BERTRAM, CHARLES W. BIRTWELL, J. RICHARD CARTER, ALEXANDER COCHRANE, EDWARD CUMMINGS, CHARLES P. CURTIS, Jr., W. S. FITZ, Rev. WILLIAM ELLIOT GRIFFIS, Mrs. ELIZA L. HOMANS, Miss ELLEN F. MASON, FRANK MORISON, ROBERT TREAT PAINE, Miss LUCY A. READ, WILLIAM W. VAUGHAN, MOSES WILLIAMS.

## THE FINANCES

The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Charles P. Curtis, Jr., as follows:

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Charles C. Jackson, shows the receipts and expenditures for the year:—

Cash on hand December 1, 1891, . . . . .	\$710 96
Received fees from annual members . . . . .	716 00
“ “ “ life members . . . . .	325 00
“ donations . . . . .	4,012 66
“ interest . . . . .	24 17
Total . . . . .	\$5,788 79
Paid for relief of discharged prisoners . . . . .	\$1448 35
“ “ other expenses . . . . .	3604 88
Cash on hand December 1, 1892, . . . . .	735 56
Total . . . . .	\$5788 79

It will be seen that the receipts have been slightly in excess of the expenditures, for the first time in the history of the Association. This has been due mainly to the donations, in sums from \$25.00 to \$100.00. The balance on hand at the end of the year is larger by \$34.60 than it was a year ago. The contributions for the year have provided fairly for the maintenance of the work, but much more could have been done if they had been larger. An equal amount, at least, will be needed for the coming year.



The salaries and general expenses should be divided among the different branches of the work. Considerably more than half of the labor of the year has been expended upon the legislative and educational work, and the remainder upon the work of aiding discharged prisoners, securing them employment, etc. This includes the investigation of many cases in which relief is not given, the applicants being found to be unworthy or not needy. The saving to charity funds from this part of the work, is important, but not more so than is the discouragement of undeserving men from the pursuit of this line of soliciting charity.

The expenditures for the year have been as follows:—

Salaries . . . . .	\$2,100 00
Relief of discharged prisoners . . . . .	1,448 35
Educational work (meetings and literature) . . . . .	573 72
Rent . . . . .	300 00
Miscellaneous and office expenses . . . . .	631 16
Total . . . . .	<hr/> \$5053 23

The Association has no endowment. It is dependent upon its membership fees and upon donations. By reducing the number of criminals, the work of the Association tends to promote the safety of person and property, and to decrease pauperism—thereby reducing the burden of the State and the demands upon the charitable.

### **PROTECTION AND RELIEF.**

The report of the Committee on Protection and Relief was read by the Rev. F. B. Allen:—

The work of aiding discharged prisoners has required even more money and time than were given to it in 1891. Though it is mainly local, it is not exclusively so, our Association being a State organization. Some of the beneficiaries come from prisons in the more remote parts of the State.

It not infrequently happens that prisoners who are discharged from institutions at some distance from Boston are sent here, arriving without the price of a single meal, or of a night's lodging. Some of them have homes at a distance from Boston, and must either be sent there, or remain in this city dependent upon charity.

The discharged prisoner differs from all other needy persons. Ordinarily, the destitute have reached their position by comparatively slow processes. They can usually manage to get along for a few days through the kindness of neighbors and acquaintances, until their cases can be investigated. But the discharged prisoner comes into his destitution in a moment. He passes the night in the prison, eats his breakfast in his cell, and two or three hours later he is outside the bars, not knowing where his dinner is to come from, or where he is to spend the night.

Who can wonder that so many return to a criminal career, and at last to the prison again?

The report of the Commissioners of Prisons for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1891, shows that the entire expenditure of the county prisons for aiding discharged prisoners was but \$3,478.28. Almost one-third of this was spent by the Middlesex County house of correction at Cambridge. The number of discharges from these institutions was 15,101. The average expenditure for their assistance was, therefore, less than twenty-five cents apiece. As a matter of fact, however, no average can be properly calculated, for the money is not divided evenly. The necessities of prisoners are not alike, and the amount of assistance to be rendered very properly varies widely. Some have homes and friends, and need nothing, some are aided as much as they need, but hundreds of them are absolutely homeless and friendless, and the amount expended is utterly inadequate to their necessities.

We are aware of the difficulties in the way in many cases, especially those which lie in the habits of the persons who are discharged. To give some of these a dollar is to furnish them with the means for dissipation, almost certain to be used to their injury. But it would be easy to arrange for the expenditure of this relief from public funds in such a way that it should benefit the person who was aided,—paying for his lodging and for meals for a few days. The Prison Association would gladly undertake to do this.

It may not be out of place to say, here, that we believe that a great improvement might be made in the entire system of aiding discharged prisoners. The money now bestowed is looked upon by the recipient as charity, pure and simple. His aim is to get all he possibly can. He claims it as his right. This method pauperizes him. He gets something without earning it; without even being required to make the slightest effort. There should be substituted for this a system by which the prisoner should *earn* whatever is given to him when he is discharged. It would not be difficult to devise a system under which each prisoner could earn a very few cents a day for himself, to be reserved for him until the time of his discharge. This should be earned by extra work, in addition to that now required. This would not overtax him, for no prisoner in any Massachusetts prison does so much work that the slight increase needed for this purpose would affect him injuriously.

This system would appeal to a man's ambition, and arouse him from the indifference and shiftlessness which are the direct result of providing the prisoner with everything he needs, of relieving him of all care for his support and comfort, and taking away every inducement to exercise any of his faculties and abilities. It would tend to destroy his belief that "the world"—or the county,—"*owes him a living*," (a belief which is fostered by everything which he sees and hears as a prisoner,) and would replace it



with a new theory, that so far as his welfare after his discharge is concerned, all that the county owes him is the right to an opportunity to earn, by hard work, a little money to supply his immediate wants when he shall be set at liberty. This system would save money for the tax-payers; would help the prisoner financially and in many other ways, and would tend to the promotion of good discipline in the prison. It would also lessen the demands upon the charitable.

New York has in its laws a provision under which prisoners in her penitentiaries secure a small amount in this way, and the plan of allowing prisoners a part of their earnings has also been tried successfully elsewhere. It is clear that the public interest demands that some plan shall be devised by which the discharged prisoner shall be delivered from the overwhelming pressure to enter a career of crime again.

During the past year our expenditures for relief have amounted to \$1,448.35. This statement but poorly represents the work done. The amount of time required for the investigation of cases is frequently very large, and as much time is expended upon cases which prove unworthy, as upon those which are found to be deserving. This investigation of the cases in which no relief is given is one of the most valuable parts of the work. That so many prove to be of this class should emphasize the importance of doing all of this work through regularly organized channels. We have little doubt that as much money is given every year in Boston by charitable people to undeserving discharged prisoners, and persons fraudulently representing themselves to be ex-convicts, as is spent by the Massachusetts Prison Association for its entire relief work.

If persons to whom applications of this kind are made, will send the applicants to our office, we will gladly expend upon them, if they are found to be deserving, such sums as the senders may designate.

The most important service rendered by the Association is that which results in securing work for beneficiaries. Sometimes we do this directly; sometimes by caring for them until they are able to find employment for themselves; sometimes by furnishing them with tools. When the discharged prisoner can be helped back into the ranks of the honest producer, he is very likely to remain a good citizen. We have many cases of this kind on our records,—cases which have consumed a great deal of time and many of them considerable money. But it is of incalculable value to the community to raise a man from the ranks of the criminal, in which he is a public expense and public peril, to self-supporting citizenship.

We once more bespeak for this part of our work the hearty interest and co-operation of the members of the Association and of the public.

The expenditures for the year have been \$1,448.35. This includes a payment of \$121.38 for relief given in 1891.

**PUBLICATIONS AND MEETINGS.**

The report of this Committee was read by Mrs. Eliza L. Homans, one of its members:—

The educational work of the Association, conducted under the direction of the Committee on Publications and Meetings, has been more extensive than it was in the preceding year. It began with the anniversary meeting at the Old South Church, Dec. 13. The principal address was by Rev. Fred H. Wines. It was heard by a very large audience of influential persons.

The growing interest in questions relating to crime is shown by the increasing demand for their discussion before leading clubs of a social and business character. The secretary, together with one or more of the directors, has spoken at six meetings of such clubs during the past year. The Secretary has also addressed the students of the Newton Theological Seminary, and those of the St. John Episcopal Seminary, at Cambridge, giving one address to the former and three to the latter. He also addressed the Cambridge Young Men's Christian Association. An excellent meeting was held in the Piedmont Church, Worcester.

Meetings have also been held in the Unitarian Church, East Boston, and in the Unitarian Church, Dedham. The last named meeting was followed by a parlor meeting at the residence of Sheriff Endicott, of Dedham, which resulted in the formation of a local association. In these meetings Rev. Messrs. Allen and Barrows and Mr. J. G. Thorp, Jr., have participated. Chaplain Barnes, of the State Prison, has kindly rendered similar services, to the great advantage of the work. Mr. Edward E. Waite has addressed two meetings. We are able to report an increasing interest in this part of the work, and an increased willingness to arrange meetings.

The principal publications of the year have been an edition of five thousand copies of "Prison Sunday;" two thousand copies of the report of the hearing on the repeal of the law in relation to the punishment of drunkenness; the same number of copies of a pamphlet containing the address of Mr. Wines at the anniversary meeting and the *Forum* article of the Secretary on the increase of crime. Two thousand copies of a folder, entitled, "To or For Prisoners;" and one thousand copies of a folder, entitled, "The Brand of Cain," (with reference to homicide,) have also been issued. Fifteen hundred copies of an Order of Service prepared for Prison Sunday were also used.

The literature relative to crime and its treatment is comparatively small, and it seems to be a part of the work of the Association to provide what it can for those who desire it. There is an increasing demand for information on the subject.

The committee is prepared to furnish speakers for any meetings which may be arranged for the consideration of questions relating to crime and criminals.



The expenditures on account of this part of the work, including the printing and distribution of literature relating to prison matters, and the expenses attending meetings, has been \$573.72.

### LEGISLATION.

Mr. J. G. Thorp, Jr., presented the report of this committee.

The report of the Committee on Legislation need not be a long one, for the details of its principal work have already been printed and circulated among the members of the Association in the form of a pamphlet of seventy-five pages, which contains the history of our defense before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives of the law relating to the punishment of drunkenness, which was formulated under the auspices of this Association and put on our statute books largely through its work.

This law was bitterly and unfairly attacked, and its repeal urged, last winter by Mr. Henry H. Faxon. To meet this attack, and also to satisfy ourselves as to its working, your Committee secured a large amount of valuable evidence from all over the State. It was presented to the Judiciary Committee at hearings which took up three full days of its time. The immediate result of this work was the complete defeat of the attempted repeal; but a further and most excellent result was a mass of valuable evidence, showing the admirable working of the law wherever it was well administered, which has confirmed this Committee's belief in the wisdom of its general provisions. The testimony of twenty of the principal District and Police Judges of the state, those whose duty it is to deal with nearly, if not quite, 75 per cent. of the cases of drunkenness appearing before the courts of the state, was presented, and was most favorable testimony to the improvement of the new over the old system.

The excellent character of our new probation officers, and the good results of their work, were gratifyingly shown by the appearance and testimony of the large number who were heard from. Most of the opposition to the law was based on what was clearly a misunderstanding of its meaning and intent, and whatever evidence of importance was introduced against the law, merely proved the gross maladministration of its provisions. One of the results which we hoped for from the hearings was a clearer understanding of the law. To further this result our Association published a full report of them, and put the publication into the hands of all the officers in the state whose duty it is to administer the law.

The Committee do not wish it to be understood that they believe the law in its present form to be perfect, or that the results of its administration are wholly satisfactory. Suggestions of changes in detail which might improve the law were made by several of the judges and other witnesses, but it was not deemed wise to urge them last winter, after so short a trial of its provisions, and when the attack was an indiscriminating raid upon the whole law, and not an intelligent or friendly criticism of its details.



The most unsatisfactory results have come from the police administration of their power to release men at the stations. Whether this power should not be further restricted, or made wholly subject to the decision of the courts, will be a question of importance to be decided next year. The inadequacy and inequality of sentences under this law, which leaves all to the discretion of the judges, is another serious matter. In the "*Final Report of the Special Committee Appointed by the Mayor to Inspect the Public Institutions of Boston*," on pages 15 and 16, referring to the inadequacy of sentences under the law, the Committee say:

"The announced intention of this law was that occasional drunkards should be placed on probation, while 'habitual drunkards' should receive the maximum sentence. But how little the intention of the law, as regards the length of sentences, has been carried out, is shown by the fact that in but 41 cases, out of the whole 8,866 commitments for all offences, was a sentence of one year imposed, and one-half of the total number in prison on April 21, 1892, were serving sentences for four months or less. Assuming that the proportion of 'habitual drunkards' remained the same after the new law as before, it is clear that most of the 'old rounders' receive only a three or four months' sentence."

But as unsatisfactory as this statement shows the working of the law to be in this respect, it is much better than the results under the old system of fines, when the habitual drunkards were being constantly sent to prison for thirty days only for non-payment of fine.

The difficulty of inequality of sentence is one which arises from the different views taken by the several judges of the seriousness of the offence of drunkenness. It has always existed, and probably always will exist until the principle of the indeterminate sentence, together with the proper power to release prisoners on parole, can be applied. The application of this principle should be sought at once. It would seem to be as readily applicable in the case of the misdemeanant as in that of the more serious offender, for whom it has been successfully adopted in different places.

The power to release prisoners before the expiration of sentence, which is now exercised by boards outside the prisons, who are in no way responsible for the conduct or discipline of the institutions, and who can know little or nothing of the prisoner's character or conduct — a power which we know is often exercised in this state merely to make more room for new comers — is demoralizing, and should not exist. Legislation to cure this evil should be sought for.

These defects can readily be seen. It is easy to suggest the necessity for change; but it will be difficult to secure the necessary legislation. Such legislation is, however, in the opinion of your Committee, of the utmost importance, and to secure it is an object of the long-continued and hard work of this Association.

In a few weeks we shall get the statistics of the workings of the drunk law during the past year, when we can see its merits and defects even better

than now. We are anxiously watching its operation, and shall not be slow to suggest the necessary modifications.

In addition to this law, and as a necessary sequel to it, we secured the passage of a bill giving trial justices jurisdiction of cases arising under it, and another giving country officers their fees for arresting drunkards, though they were afterwards released without being brought into court.

A special Committee of your Association, by means of a carefully prepared list of questions, was able to secure information on the management of the more important correctional institutions throughout the country, which was of much practical value to the special committee appointed by Mayor Matthews to inspect the public institutions of Boston.

Another very important piece of legislation was the result of the hard and intelligent work of our Secretary and one of our Directors, Mr. Charles W. Birtwell. They were able to secure a modification of the bill authorizing a large loan for the erection of a truant school in Middlesex County, so that small schools are to be erected in different places in the County, instead of one large institution. This was a most important piece of work, and we hope it will prove to be an object lesson to other counties proposing to build similar institutions.

Many other matters which need to be remedied by legislation can only be suggested at this time by your Committee, but some of them involve very important questions. The very serious fact confronts us that in our prisons there are many young boys, sent there for minor offences, who should never see the inside of a prison. The further use and development of our probation system seems to be the natural remedy for this evil, a remedy which can be applied by the courts, but which, if is not so applied, may have to be enforced through legislation. It would seem as if schools or industrial training of some sort could be properly introduced into many of our county prisons. This may be a subject for legislation. The experience of New York has shown that some system which enables a person to earn something from his prison work which will give him a start on his release is a good thing. We may find it desirable to urge this change upon our legislators.

But as to all these points, your Committee has merely mentioned them at this time to indicate that there is plenty of important legislative work for our Association to undertake.

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The following resolution, offered by Mr. Robert Treat Paine, was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Association desires to place upon record its high appreciation of the services of the retiring president, Dr. Samuel Eliot.

Notice was given of the anniversary meeting to be held Dec. 18 in the Mt. Vernon Church, after which the meeting adjourned.

## List of Honorary Life Members.

A person may become an Honorary Life Member by the payment of one hundred dollars at one time.

BARBOUR, E. D.,  
CHADWICK, Mrs. LOUISA,  
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FITZ, W. SCOTT,  
GARDNER, JOHN L.,  
HEMENWAY, Mrs. MARY,  
HOMANS, Mrs. ELIZA L.,

JACKSON, CHARLES C.,  
LEE, HENRY,  
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MASON, Miss IDA M.,  
SHAW, Mrs. PAULINE A.,  
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WATERS, Mrs. CLARA E. CLEMENT.

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APPLETON, Mrs. WILLIAM,  
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BARBOUR, Miss M. E.,  
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BIGELOW, Dr. WILLIAM STURGIS,  
BILLINGS, ROBERT C.,  
BOWDITCH, Miss CHARLOTTE,  
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BROOKS, Mrs. SARAH G.,  
BROOKS, JAMES W.,  
BROOKS, Miss M. W.,  
BROWNE, T. QUINCY,  
BULLARD, W. S.,  
BYRNE, Rev. WILLIAM (V. G.)  
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CALEF, BENJ. S.,  
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ELIOT, SAMUEL,  
ENDICOTT, WILLIAM, JR.,  
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HOOPER, EDWARD W.,  
HOWE, G. D.,  
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JOHNSON, HENRY A.,  
KING, FRANKLIN,  
KENNEDY, G. G.,  
LANE, Hon. JONATHAN A.,  
LAWRENCE, Rev. ARTHUR,  
LAWSON, Rev. ALBERT C.,  
LEE, Joseph,  
LINCOLN, WILLIAM H.,  
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LOWELL, ANNA C.,  
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LYMAN, ARTHUR T.,  
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RICHARDSON, WILLIAM L.,  
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WARREN, Mrs. S. D.,  
WARREN, Mrs. REBECCA B.,  
WATERS, E. F.,  
WHITMAN, Mrs. SARAH W.,  
WILLIAMS, Mrs. ANNA PHILLIPS,  
WOLCOTT, Mrs. J. HUNTINGTON  
WOOD, FRANK.



## List of Members and Donors.

The payment of two dollars constitutes any person a member of the Association.

Following is a list of members and donors during the year ending December 1, 1892. The amounts opposite the several names, when more than two dollars, are usually inclusive of the membership fees, though some represent donations from persons who are not members.

Abbott, Jere.....	\$5 00	Bremer, John L.....	\$25 00
Adams, Chas. F.....	25 00	Brewer, Miss Adèle.....	2 00
Adams, J. Q.....	25 00	Brewster, William.....	4 00
Adams, Miss Mary Lee.....	2 00	Brimmer, Martin.....	100 00
Albee, Sumner.....	2 00	Brooks, Mrs. Clara G.....	25 00
Allen, Joseph H.....	4 00	Brooks, Edward.....	25 00
Allen, Rev. Fred'k B.....	5 00	Brooks, Mrs. Francis.....	12 00
Allen, Willis B.....	5 00	Brown, J. G.....	2 00
Ames, Prof. James Barr.....	2 00	Brown, T. Quincy.....	25 00
Ames, Mrs. Sarah R.....	10 00	Brown, William H.....	2 00
Amory, Rev. Augustine H.....	2 00	Browne, Addison.....	2 00
Amory, C. W.....	25 00	Buckingham, Rev. E.....	5 00
Appleton, Dr. William.....	25 00	Bullard, Mrs. Stephen H.....	2 00
Appleton, Mrs. William.....	25 00	Burdt, Chas. A.....	2 00
Association Meeting Unitarian Church, Dedham.....	17 50	Butler, Miss Rosalie.....	5 00
Atkinson, George.....	2 00	Byington, Miss Alice.....	2 00
Austin, Mrs. W. H. M.....	2 00	Cabot, J. Elliot.....	2 00
Bacon, Mrs. Louisa C.....	5 00	Cabot John H.....	5 00
Bailey, Mrs. Ellen H.....	2 00	Cabot, Mrs. Mary E.....	2 00
Baker, S. J.....	4 00	Caldwell, Miss Charlotte E.....	2 00
Balch, Miss Emily L.....	2 00	Caldwell, Miss Louise W.....	2 00
Baldwin, William H.....	2 00	Callender, Miss Caroline.....	2 00
Banfield, Edith C.....	4 00	Callender, Mrs. Henry.....	2 00
Barbour, E. D.....	25 00	Capen, Samuel B.....	2 00
Barnard, Mrs. Mary C. E.....	4 00	Carter, J. Richard.....	25 00
Barrows, Mrs. Isabel C.....	18 00	Carter, John W.....	25 00
Bascom, Rev. John.....	2 00	Carruth, Miss Ellen.....	5 00
Batt, Charles R.....	2 00	Cary, Miss Emma F.....	7 50
Batt, Rev. William J.....	2 00	Chapin, Miss Mabel H.....	2 00
Baxter, Thompson.....	5 00	Chase, Dr. I. E.....	2 00
Beal, Thomas P.....	10 00	Chase, Mrs. J. B.....	2 00
Beals, Mrs. James H.....	2 00	Cheney, Mrs. Arthur.....	2 00
Beebe, E. Pierson.....	2 00	Cheney, Mrs. Ednah D.....	2 00
Beebe, J. Arthur.....	25 00	Childs, Prof. F. J.....	5 00
Bell, Dr. James B.....	2 00	Clark, Chester W.....	2 00
Benedict, W. L.....	2 00	Clarke, Mrs. James Freeman.....	2 00
Bigelow, A. S.....	25 00	Clifford, Chas. W.....	5 00
Bigelow, Mrs. Mary A.....	2 00	Cobb, Bates & Yerxa.....	25 00
Bigelow, Mrs S. A.....	2 00	Cochrane, Alex.....	25 00
Bigelow, Dr. William.....	25 00	Codman, Chas. R.....	5 00
Billings, Robert C.....	10 00	Codman, Mrs. Chas. R.....	10 00
Birtwell, C. W.....	2 00	Coe, Miss Mary Alma.....	2 00
Black, George N.....	25 00	Coit, Rev. Joshua.....	3 00
Blake, Mrs. George Baty.....	5 00	Collamore, Mrs. Helen.....	2 00
Bliss, William.....	25 00	Coolidge, A. C.....	5 00
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The Massachusetts Prison Association is an incorporated body, and may receive property left to it by will. The following form of bequest is suggested to any who may desire to leave property to the Association:—

I give and bequeath to the MASSACHUSETTS PRISON ASSOCIATION the sum of \_\_\_\_\_dollars, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the Corporation, under the direction of its Board of Directors.

## RESULTS OF RELIEF WORK.

The value of the relief work of the Association is illustrated by the incidents related below, culled at random from scores like them.

Nearly two years ago a young man who had been out of the State Prison for about six months, called at the office for aid. He was known to have made a hard struggle for a correct life, but circumstances were adverse. He came from the slums. His father was dead; his mother was very poor, and lived in very bad surroundings. Before he was sent to the State Prison he had served a sentence of three years in the house of correction. He said he had the promise of work in a town a hundred miles away, but had no means of getting there. The gentleman who promised him employment was seen, and said that the man told the truth. The Association paid his fare, and furnished him a little clothing. He has stayed away from Boston, has worked steadily; has supported himself and lived correctly. But for the aid given him by the Association he would have remained in Boston, and would probably have fallen into crime again.

A man of thirty-five, having a wife and two children, discharged from prison in midwinter, sought assistance. He was a good mechanic, but could get no work. He was aided a little, and employment for a few days was found for him. This carried him along until he obtained a situation at his trade. At last accounts he was doing well.

A young foreigner, who had learned a trade in the Reformatory, needed work in order to secure his discharge, which he had earned. He had not a friend in the country. We secured employment for him, telling his employer all the facts of his case. He has worked faithfully and satisfactorily in the same place for months, supporting himself. The expenditure on his account was but a few dollars.

Two or three years ago a young fellow — hardly more than a boy — ran away from a good home in a distant state, determined "to see the world." He found employment in Boston, but fell in with a thoroughly bad fellow employee, who was experienced in crime. He began by stealing things of trifling value. Evading detection, he yielded to the solicitation of his associate, and stole articles of importance. The expert thief escaped detection. The boy whom he had led into crime was caught, and served his sentence in a county prison. His father had learned of his fall, and was ready to receive him home again, as we learned by corresponding with him. But the boy preferred to try to earn an honest living here. He did so for many months, but after a while, being thrown out of employment, went home to

his father. Only a few dollars were spent on him, but much time was given to the case. The boy realized that he had a friend to whom he could go for advice — some one who was interested in him. A letter recently received from him tells of his safe arrival at home.

Eighteen months ago a young man was discharged from prison without a dollar. He had an excellent education; wrote a good hand; was gentlemanly, obliging, willing to work. He had drifted away from a first-rate home in another State, had learned to drink, and while intoxicated had committed the crime for which he was sentenced — the first ever committed by him. He could not find work in Boston, and the Association sent him home. His parents, to whom he had been lost for two years, welcomed him home. Within a few weeks a letter has been received from him. He was continuing to do right, and earning an honest living.

A prominent citizen of Boston died a few years ago, leaving an only son. He had many friends, and good prospects. But he drank himself out of every position, and at length became a vagrant, and was sent to prison as such. When he came out all his old friends turned away from him. He had lost his ambition and his courage. He could only be kept from settling into the permanent pauper or criminal class by a great effort. That effort was made for him. It cost some money and a great deal of time, but it was successful at last. He will never be what he might have been, for his manner of life has broken him in every way, but he is now self-supporting and sober.

Not infrequently the friends—even the nearest relatives—will cast off a man who goes astray, and allow him to go to destruction without lifting a finger to prevent. Sometimes this is done after a single wrong act; sometimes after repeated lapses. A young man who had been treated in this way by his father, because of the disgrace which he had brought upon the family name, came from prison for the first time to find every avenue to a better life seemingly closed against him. His wife had stood by him through his imprisonment, taking care of herself by hard work. He could not find employment. In a few days his money was gone. His wife was in poor health, and out of work. The Association helped them, providing them shelter and food until he obtained employment. A little work was found for him; and in a few weeks he had regular employment. He had a strong appetite for drink, and but for the encouragement given to him he would probably have yielded to his temptation, and broken down. If he had committed a second offence, he would probably have fallen into the criminal class permanently. The aid given enabled him to secure a place in the ranks of good citizens, and he continues to improve his opportunities.

These cases suggest the needs of discharged prisoners and the great value of the help given. A few dollars, judiciously expended, after careful investigation, will often save the expenditure of hundreds at a later day.



It is difficult for private individuals to do this work, for they do not have facilities for ascertaining the records of applicants for aid, or their real needs. The Association has these facilities, and can make a few dollars do a great deal of work.

Last summer there was reported to the Association the case of a prisoner's wife who had two boys. They were living in Boston, in surroundings which made it almost inevitable that they should go astray if they were allowed to spend their vacation there. A place was found for them in the country, and the Association paid the board of one for several weeks. The other was provided for by another charitable organization. Relieved of the care of her children, the woman was able to provide for herself during the dull season.

Prisoners' families usually suffer much more than the prisoners themselves. Such a case came to the attention of the Association, some time ago. The bread-winner of the family had been sent to prison, for a few months, and the wife was left to care for herself and her children. She did her best, but could not meet her bills. The husband had a well-to-do relative. His assistance was solicited. He was unwilling to help the family directly, for fear that they would think that they could depend upon him permanently. It was therefore arranged that the Association should aid the family, and that he would repay what was expended. This was done, and the family was kept from pauperism until the husband and father was discharged, and found work.

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It very frequently happens that a coat, a pair of pants, a hat, or a pair of boots, will help a discharged prisoner even more than money. There are many persons who have in their houses discarded clothing which is good enough for these men. If sent to the rooms of the Association it will be so used as to do some good. If any Boston reader has such clothing to contribute, and will drop a postal card to the office, it will be called for. From out of town it may be sent at the expense of the Association, if the donor does not feel able to pay express charges.

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